

provider about the rates available. The Department of Human Services or the Social Security Administration will assist with payment if eligibility standards are met.

### **WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF CARE IN AN ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME?**

You should contact the Office of Children and Adult Licensing in your area either in writing or by telephone:

DHS-OCAL  
7109 W. Saginaw Hwy.  
2nd Floor  
Lansing, MI 48917  
Toll Free: 1-866-685-0006

When your concern is submitted in writing, you will receive a written report of the investigation findings. Your name can remain confidential.

### **NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?**

The local office of the Department of Human Services will answer your questions. The number is in your telephone directory.

For a listing of licensed AFC Homes in Michigan you may contact  
[www.michigan.gov/dhs](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs)

- Click on Doing Business w/DHS
- Click on Licensing
- Click on Adult Foster Care & Homes for the Aged



Order Quantity: 5,000  
Cost: \$325.78 (.07 each)  
Approval: DHS Director

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# **ADULT FOSTER CARE**



**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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## WHY DO PEOPLE NEED ADULT FOSTER CARE?

Adult Foster Care (AFC) homes offer 24-hour personal care, protection, and supervision for individuals who cannot live alone but who do not need continuous nursing care. AFC is one of the residential alternatives available. Other options include homes for the aged or nursing homes. If you are uncertain about the level of care needed, check with your doctor or the Adult Services Unit of your local Department of Human Services for assistance.

The reasons for needing adult foster care may vary. Persons in need of adult foster care may be:

- Aged.
- Developmentally disabled.
- Physically impaired.
- Emotionally impaired.

Care may include assistance with bathing, grooming, dressing, eating, walking, toileting or dispensing of medication.

## HOW DO I CHOOSE AN ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME?

There are many types of AFC homes. Before making a decision, we strongly recommend you visit the home, talk with the residents, consider the neighborhood and question the provider.

These agencies may help you in the selection process:

- Department of Human Services local office.
- Office of Children and Adult Licensing local unit.
- Community mental health board.



- Michigan Department of Community Health.
- Michigan Rehabilitation Services.
- Citizens for Better Care.
- Local Office on Aging.

The numbers and addresses are in your local telephone directory.

When selecting an AFC home, it is important that you clearly understand the services to be provided and the cost of those services.

## ARE ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES REGULATED?

Yes. The Office of Children and Adult Licensing licenses and regulates adult foster care homes.

## WHAT DOES IT COST TO LIVE IN AN ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME?

AFC homes are private businesses and may set their own rates. Each resident is responsible to pay the home owner for the cost of his or her care. Once you locate a home that provides the services needed, ask the